

SEC. 3. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.**—Section 297(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), to read as follows:

“(1) to implement program components through United States universities as authorized by paragraphs (2) through (5) of this subsection;”;

(2) in paragraph (3), to read as follows:

“(3) to provide long-term program support for United States university global agricultural and related environmental collaborative research and learning opportunities for students, teachers, extension specialists, researchers, and the general public;”;

(3) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by inserting “United States” before “universities”;;

(B) by inserting “agricultural” before “research centers”; and

(C) by striking “and the institutions of agriculturally developing nations” and inserting “multilateral banks, the institutions of agriculturally developing nations, and United States and foreign nongovernmental organizations supporting extension and other productivity-enhancing programs”.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 297(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “universities” and inserting “United States universities with public and private partners of universities”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by inserting “, environment,” before “and related”; and

(ii) by striking “farmers and farm families” and inserting “agriculturalists”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, including resources of the private sector,” after “Federal or State resources”; and

(3) in paragraph (3), by striking “and the United States Department of Agriculture” and all that follows and inserting “, the Department of Agriculture, State agricultural agencies, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the Food and Drug Administration, other appropriate Federal agencies, and appropriate nongovernmental and business organizations.”;

(c) **FURTHER REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 297(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), to read as follows:

“(2) focus primarily on the needs of agricultural producers, rural families, processors, traders, consumers, and natural resources managers;”;

(2) in paragraph (4), to read as follows:

“(4) be carried out within the developing countries and transition countries comprising newly emerging democracies and newly liberalized economies; and”.

(d) **SPECIAL PROGRAMS.**—Section 297 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) The Administrator shall establish and carry out special programs under this title as part of ongoing programs for child survival, democratization, development of free enterprise, environmental and natural resource management, and other related programs.”.

SEC. 4. BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Section 298(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(a)) is amended in the third sentence, by inserting at the end before the period the following: “on a case-by-case basis”.

(b) **GENERAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD.**—Section 298(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) The Board’s general areas of responsibility shall include participating in the planning, development, and implementation of, initiating recommendations for, and monitoring, the activities described in section 297 of this title.”.

(c) **DUTIES OF THE BOARD.**—Section 298(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “increase food production” and all that follows and inserting the following: “improve agricultural production, trade, and natural resource management in developing countries, and with private organizations seeking to increase agricultural production and trade, natural resources management, and household food security in developing and transition countries;”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting before “sciences” the following: “, environmental, and related social”;

(2) in paragraph (4), after “Administrator and universities” insert “and their partners”;

(3) in paragraph (5), after “universities” insert “and public and private partners of universities”;

(4) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the end;

(5) in paragraph (7), by striking “in the developing nations,” and inserting “and natural resource issues in the developing nations, assuring efficiency in use of Federal resources, including in accordance with the Governmental Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-62; 107 Stat. 285), and the amendments made by that Act;”;

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) developing information exchanges and consulting regularly with nongovernmental organizations, consumer groups, producers, agribusinesses and associations, agricultural co-operatives and commodity groups, State departments of agriculture, State agricultural research and extension agencies, and academic institutions;

“(9) investigating and resolving issues concerning implementation of this title as requested by universities; and

“(10) advising the Administrator on any and all issues as requested.”.

(d) **SUBORDINATE UNITS.**—Section 298(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “Research” and insert “Policy”;

(B) by striking “administration” and inserting “design”; and

(C) by striking “section 297(a)(3) of this title” and inserting “section 297”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “Joint Committee on Country Programs” and inserting “Joint Operations Committee”; and

(B) by striking “which shall assist” and all that follows and inserting “which shall assist in and advise on the mechanisms and processes for implementation of activities described in section 297.”.

SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.

Section 300 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220e) is amended by striking “April 1” and inserting “September 1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4289

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, Senator HAGEL has a technical amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Illinois [Mr. FITZGERALD], for Mr. HAGEL, proposes an amendment numbered 4289.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To include in the statement of policies that there is a need to responsibly manage the world’s agricultural, as well as, natural resources for sustained productivity, health and resilience to climate variability)

On page 23, line 2, insert “agricultural and” after “world’s”.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4289) was agreed to.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the committee substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 4002), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2000

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 5. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.J. Res. 110, the continuing resolution, under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FITZGERALD. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin closing remarks on the continuing resolution at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. Under the order, there will be approximately 30 minutes equally divided on the resolution, with a vote on adoption of the resolution scheduled to occur at 10 a.m.

Following the vote, the Senate is expected to resume consideration of the conference report to accompany the Interior appropriations bill. The Senate may also begin consideration of any other appropriations bills available for action; therefore, Senators should be prepared for votes throughout the day.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001—CONFERENCE REPORT—Continued

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, at this time I would like to return to our discussion of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, which is a project in the Interior conference committee report that we have been discussing from time to time throughout the day.